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UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER IN TUCSON SETTLES WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT ON ALLEGATIONS OF DOUBLE BILLING

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- José de Jesus Rivera, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced today that University Medical Center in Tucson paid \$329,542.70 to settle civil allegations that it submitted false claims to federal and state health care programs for outpatient clinical laboratory services from 1992 until 1997 . The allegations concern double billing, and “unbundling” of bills for laboratory tests, to Medicare, AHCCCS and other government health care programs. As part of the settlement, University Medical Center also agreed to a three-year Corporate Integrity Agreement which adopts specific audit and training obligations to assure that the hospital achieves full and accurate compliance with Medicare and AHCCCS regulations. “The Department of Justice is committed to deterring Medicare fraud and abuse and returning dollars to the Medicare Trust Fund. This settlement helps us achieve both of these goals,” said U.S. Attorney José de Jesus Rivera.

The investigation was conducted by David Duncan and Julio Arias in the U.S. Attorney’s Office and Special Agent Scott Gompert of the Office of Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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